BPAC RESOLUTION #3-2003

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MIAMI-DADE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization Governing Board has established the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) to advise it on bicycle/pedestrian matters; and

WHEREAS, The National Safe Kids Coalition Walk To School Day program focuses attention on the many children who walk to school whom are at risk of serious injury or death during their daily commute; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade children suffered 293 injuries and 2 fatalities in the year 2001, down from 313 injuries and 5 fatalities in the year 2000; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of children could be saved each year nationwide, if every community takes steps to make pedestrian safety a priority by involving parents and schools in examining the routes traveled by these students, that their safety can be improved by: students' pedestrian education, identifying dangers on present routes that can be corrected through municipal action; devising safer alternate routes where possible; and

WHEREAS, children, parents and community leaders in conjunction with public and private schools in Miami-Dade County will be actively involved in this event on Wednesday, October 8th, and

WHEREAS, the BPAC will evaluate data from participating schools gathered by the Miami-Dade Safe Kids Coalition, and will recommend interventions to increase pedestrians safety to the appropriate agencies.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA:

THAT: the BPAC supports Miami-Dade's participation in the national Walk-To-School Day.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Brian Hannigan, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Paul Schwiep, and being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Brett Bibeau - aye
Sheila Boyce - aye
Brian Hannigan - aye
Bruce Henderson - absent

Amado Leon - aye
Paul Schwiep - aye
Ted Silver - aye

The Chair thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 23rd day of April, 2003.

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

David Henderson, BPAC Secretariat

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